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The end of the road for the Lions in MK

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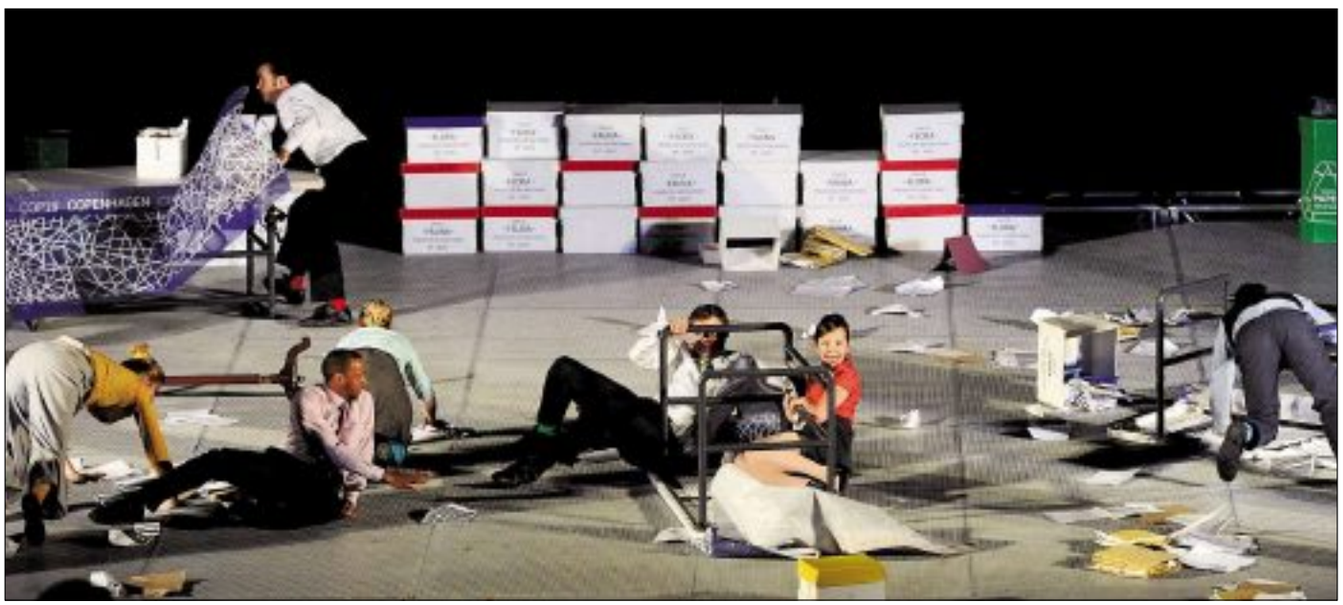
WHAT were you doing As The World Tipped last week?
The Wired Aerial Theatre show in Campbell Park on Wednesday and Thursday night wowed huge audiences as suspended performers danced and twirled on a huge tilting stage.
The show was held as part of the IF: Milton Keynes International Festival 2012 which came to an end on Sunday.
For more on the festival see pages 10 and 11.



We have lights - now cut the speed limit

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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CALLS to slash the speed limit on grid roads have been made following the decision to turn street lights back on.

The decision to reverse the budget-slashing plan and switch on 2,597 lights was made during a meeting of Milton Keynes cabinet last Wednesday - leaving just 103 off.

The change was recommended after two men were killed on darkened stretches of road - but leader of the Green Party, Alan Francis believes that this move is not enough to protect cyclist and pedestrians using busy grid roads.

Speaking at the meeting he said: "There are two factors involved in the implementation of accidents, the first is a driver's ability to actually see the pedestrian or cyclist and the second is the ability is to stop the vehicle to prevent an accident.

"Turning street lights back on may help with the first of those factors but it won't help with the second.

"Stopping distance for 70 miles per hour is about twice that for 50 miles per hour so reducing the speed limit to 50 would make grid roads much safer for vulnerable users.

"The impact on driver's time is fairly negligible so please consider reducing speed limits." This proposal did not get backing from councillor Andy Dransfield who argued that preventing fatalities required educating the public rather than reducing speed limits.

In his opinion residents need to know more about the city's unique system of redways so that they do not use the grid roads.

He said: "There are going to be people killed because they're in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Boys to mix it with girls

A GIRLS football team are set to make history by tackling the boys.

It is understood that the U13 players at United MK will become possibly the first in the country in their age group to join an entirely male league.

Bosses at the Berks and Bucks Football Association admitted that they had concerns about the intriguing switch but it has been fully rubber-stamped ahead of the new season's kick-off next month.

Manager Simon Evans hopes that the unique move will help to promote girls football in the city and get more young females playing, and he believes that his team having nothing to fear. He said that playing the boys would help

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Backlog of road repairs require £50m loan

THE council will borrow £50 million to deal with a backlog of road repairs.

The decision to go ahead with plans to take on the loan was made at last Wednesday's cabinet meeting.

The loan and existing funds in the transport budget would be spent on bringing the city's roads up to scratch in the next seven years, replacing 400,000 street lights, repairing bridges and restoring redways and footpaths.

The loan is expected to hit the council's account in the 2014/15 financial year and will be paid back with an annual interest rate of 4.5 per cent.

Although the decision has been slammed by the Liberal Democrat Group, Council Leader Andrew Geary defended the plan.

At the meeting he explained that the roads have not been maintained properly since the city was built and said that the previous Lib Dem administration left the conservative group with a backlog of repairs.

Re-united: Howard Hodges meeting former Mayor Bill Jones for the first time

Family is reunited thanks to MK NEWS

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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LONG-lost family members have been re-united against the odds - thanks to an article in MK NEWS.

In May this paper reported how former mayor of Milton Keynes Bill Jones, 94, and his 93-year-old wife Glenys would be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this year.

For years Howard Hodges, who works for Home Retail Base in CMK, had been researching his family tree, but became stuck when he discovered a branch of his family was named Jones and came from south Wales - a professional even suggested he give up. But there were rumours one of their relatives was a mayor of Milton Keynes - he had checked this with councillors but did not have Bill's name.

So after reading the article about Bill and Glenys, who are originally from Aberdare, Howard got in touch to say he thought he might be related to the pair.

He said: "It was by chance that I saw the article.

"MK NEWS put me in touch with their daughter Shirley who I e-mailed, and she said it seemed almost certain we were related.

"My brother had a copy of Bill's father's birth certificate - it turns out Bill is my late dad's cousin."

Bill was so pleased to hear from Howard that he invited him to the 70th wedding anniversary party, which took place on Sunday, July 22.

Although Bill was not available for an interview, his daughter Shirley Wright said he was 'thrilled' to meet Howard.

She added: "He got quite emotional because he doesn't have any family left on his side, so to find someone from his side was really good.

"They chatted for ages, and Howard brought lots of information and photographs of the family."

Double celebration at reunion

THE annual Enigma Reunion will be part of a double celebration as Bletchley Park marks Armed Forces Weekend in its own unique way.

The Enigma Reunion gives visitors a chance to meet and talk to the very people who helped to break Enigma, Lorenz and other codes at Bletchley Park.

The Armed Forces Weekend on September 1 and 2 will look at how the Codebreakers of Bletchley Park assisted the armed forces during the Second World War.

It will celebrate the role of the armed forces - in particular that of the cadet forces. On Saturday there will be a Dakota Flypast and the Racing Pigeon Association will release hundreds of pigeons on Sunday.

A veterans' memorial service will also be held on Sunday featuring a performance by Milton Keynes Pipe Band.

Throughout the weekend, re-enactors will take visitors back to the Second World War with events including a fashion show and the use of a plotting table.

There will also be a selection of talks given by experts on Bletchley Park, the Home of the Codebreakers.

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Family planning clinic move

THE city's family planning clinic has moved to Milton Keynes Hospital from Neath Hill Health Centre.

It now offers offer appointments on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm - 8.30pm at the hospital's Sexual Health Department on Standing Way, Eaglestone.

Car and antiques stolen

A NUMBER of precious antiques were in the boot of a car that was stolen from Rathbone Close, Crownhill last week.

Between 11pm on Thursday, July 19 and 5.30am the following day, a blue Ford Focus, registration number SE03 NXU, was taken. Anyone with information can call 101.

MK needs 'more girls playing football'

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with the girls' football education but the principal reason for doing so is financial.

In their old home of the Bucks Girls North League the club had fixtures over a much larger area but the travel bill can now be cut down in the boys' division in the MK District League.

Mr Evans, who has been at the helm of the successful team for a year, said: "We had meetings and the idea went down very positively, and other managers said well done.

"The parents voted for it and saw it as a good opportunity and a new challenge. It will help with their development. We desperately need more girls playing in Milton Keynes."

A rule-change brought in by the national FA has allowed for the change of league, as the age when boys and girls can both play together has been raised to U14 level.

Games are nine-a-side and Mr Evans isn't worried about his players being overawed.

"They'll hold their own and can be of the same standard, and the ref is there to protect both the girls and boys," he added.

"The girls do let you know that they have been on the pitch too. They don't tend to shy off."

Berks and Bucks FA chief executive Brian Moore said the move had to be ratified because of the national rule change, but added that they would be keeping a close eye on how United MK get on.

He said: "We did ask if they'd played any boys teams but they said no. When the FA made the change I don't think they had in mind a complete girls team playing against a boys team, it's usually mixed.

United MK under13s girls football team will play in the boys league next season

"Obviously we will be monitoring the situation very closely.

"We don't know what the reaction will be from other teams as youngsters of that age can be quite opinionated.

"They could win every game but if they get heavily defeated that could hurt their development, so we need to make sure it's done for the correct reasons."

Mr Moore added that in another part of the country, he'd heard that a struggling boys team wanted to play in a girls' league. A national FA spokesman said: "Rules permit mixed football up to U14 level so United MK would be allowed to enter a team in the MK District League.

"The club is currently in dialogue with the Berks and Bucks County FA and taking advice on available options that allow the team to play in an affiliated football league environment which will benefit the girls as footballers."

For more information about United MK, who play at Downs Barn, visit www.unitedmk.co.uk

Lions are off due to the lack of lair

BY DAN PALMER

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MILTON Keynes is to lose its professional basketball club after a new venue could not be found in time for the new season.

The Lions have been based here for 15 years but a decision which saw them evicted from their Winterhill home means that there will no longer be local action.

Ironically, the news comes in the same week that Milton Keynes Council launched a new sports board, a body which will provide independent leadership for sport in the city.

Local people with close interests in sport will sit on the board, chaired by Dr Philip Smith, but it has come too late for the Lions.

In May, MK NEWS revealed how Albion Land told the British Basketball League club to leave Grafton Court so home, leisure and garden store The Range could be built on the site instead and a search for an alternative home by Chief Executive Vince Macaulay proved to be fruitless.

Flashback: Our story back in May

He said that he had looked at 'every warehouse in Milton Keynes' but space and financial constraints ruled out a number of potential new venues until time eventually ran out.

Mr Macaulay told MK NEWS that the past weeks had been 'the worst of his life' and admitted that he never thought the worst case scenario of leaving the city would ever become a reality.

But with just eight weeks left until the first tip-off of the new season, he no longer had any choice.

He said: "It's devastating news and I feel so sorry for the fans."

One plan strongly looked at would have seen the Lions move in at the Planet Ice with ice hockey side MK Lightning, but that deal collapsed as the basketball could not have access to the building for enough time.

The club were asked for £1million to play at another venue.

Fans 'gutted' after club decides to leave city

VINCE Macaulay said he wouldn't be 'pointing the finger' at anyone specifically when asked if more could have been done to help the Lions.

He said: "If MK wants to eat at the top table, more needs to be done, especially with facilities.

"I thought we could punch with London, Birmingham and Liverpool."

The club aims to maintain the strong work it carries out in the community, and keep its local teams and MK College programme running.

Coach Mike New said that he would hope to stay on but the news was a 'huge disappointment'.

"We've won a cup and Vince was coach of the year here," he said.

"Those are historic moments."

Mark Fenton, who has been a Lions fan for the entire time they have been in the city, said he was 'absolutely gutted'. "I've followed them around the country and will still follow them," he said. "There will be a lot of disappointed kids."

Lions first moved to the city in 1998 and spent 11 years at the Leisure Centre, before moving temporarily to Middleton Hall in 2010.

A plan to use the arena at stadiummk didn't come to fruition as they would only be able to use it for major games.

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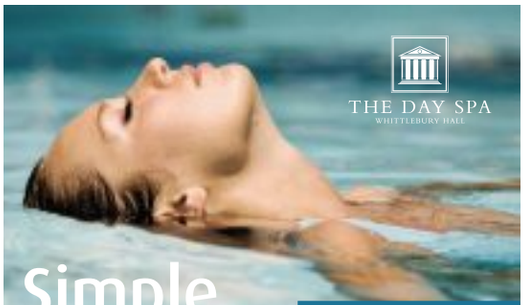

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Keep the place clean

SIR - In regard to the recent article about the state of Bossiney Place in Fishermead, 'A call to arms to clean city estate' (MK NEWS, July 25). Being a local resident I think that it is disgraceful that it is in such a mess.

I remember that a couple of years ago it was cleaned up and the people who cleaned it up did an excellent job in making it look tidy again, but things went back to the usual mess soon after and it has got worse since.

Surely the people who live in the properties should be responsible for keeping their fronts tidy and clean?

Name and address supplied

Ashamed of estate

SIR - I am ashamed to say I live on Fishermead. When I first moved here 11 years ago, it was a lovely estate, children played out on the back greens, there was never any rubbish around let alone dumped furniture etc.

Now this estate is like a war zone with rubbish everywhere, mostly furniture, parks are in disrepair, people are being stabbed, cars being broken into, gangs of people hanging about, and children do not play out ever, which is so sad when there are some lovely open spaces on this estate.

It is down to the residents, not the council - people should be fined for fly-tipping, and there needs to be a bigger police presence.

I would love to move from this estate, I hate it when people come to visit, it doesn't help that there is always a story in the paper each week slating the estate, and that yearly list to remind us just how bad it is.

Claire Harris
Sent by e-mail

Put off by wardens

SIR - In reply to the article (Butcher's beef with wardens, July 18), I would like to bring to your notice that I was a passenger who experienced the rudeness and bombastic behaviour of the ticket wardens in Bletchley.

I am 81 years of age and have been disabled for many years. I have on a weekly basis been dropped off at Palmers Butchers and after my daughter and I have bought my meat I sit next door at Lloyds TSB while I wait for the car to return.

Two weeks ago my daughter (who is my carer) and myself were dropped off by my son. On his return he stopped outside to pick us up.

He had just drawn up outside and was displaying my disability badge when the ticket wardens zoomed in and tried to ticket the car as I was being helped out of the bank.

They took a photograph of the car and while I remonstrated my son drove off, and I was left stranded and unable to get back to the car.

With the help of my daughter and my walking stick I was able to hobble across the road and lean against a lamppost.

A warden followed us over the road where another argument ensued and I was told I couldn't be picked up there, despite my disability badge.

Several people saw what had happened and gathered around. One lady came to help me and said how disgracefully they had behaved towards me, as did another gentleman, as I was moved further along.

As a result my son and daughter had to half carry me back to the car as my legs had given out.

I felt as if I was in a police state.

The end result is that I will never attempt to shop in Bletchley again, despite the fact I have been a regular customer for 12 years.

I remember when I first moved to Milton Keynes that its shopping centre was advertised throughout the world as a place where parking was free and Bletchley's Queensway was a joy with a Saturday market all along the pavement.

I write this letter to say well done Milton Keynes Council you have successfully closed down Queensway.

Who will shop there now?

Rosemary Braun
Kents Hill

What about the market?

SIR - The recent exhibition in Middleton Hall that was part of the 'consultation process' concerning proposed changes to thecentre:mk was a travesty: manipulative and bereft of almost all useful information.

It included no less than eight small, unflattering pictures of the market and the underside of the bridge that is to be demolished, against two large imagined pictures of a new Primark, bathed in almost celestial light, and relocated, pristine market, with no untidiness of any sort.

What it didn't say was how the plans would affect the market, other than making it as bland and uniform as the rest of the shopping centre.

There is apparently to be a 'better deal for smaller retailers in thecentre:mk', but nothing is said of the deal being offered to the market traders.

The current market is increasingly like a little village representing the variety of people living in Milton Keynes. It could be a great attraction to visitors and should be given every encouragement.

If, instead, many of the more interesting stalls are driven out and the prices of those remaining rise to match the shops, we shall have lost something vital.

Georgina Baidoun
Downs Barn

Roads cash welcomed

SIR - It seems everyone's hard work has finally paid off, after hearing about the council's £50million cash loan to fix roads.

I myself have been asking the council a number of times about safety issues on our roads, redways and street lighting, and I was glad to see that they do listen but can also appreciate that sometimes they just don't have the funding available.

Hopefully, now my family and I will feel a lot safer going down maintained paths, roads and redways in the future plus anyone visiting our city.

Well done everyone - including the media who pointed these things out to the council who have in turn, listened and have everyone's safety in mind.

Mark Richardson
Sent by e-mail

Save our services

SIR- Street lights should never have been turned off. We pay our council tax for these kind of services. Thanks for writing the article, Grid roads may be lit once more (MK NEWS, July 18).

Can you please raise an issue with the council?

How about getting rid of a few consultants from their payroll and expenses, so the ordinary people can enjoy the services which we pay for.

Kuldip Kaur
Sent by e-mail

Common sense call

SIR - Driving in other European and North American countries there is no lighting on some extremely busy, fast-moving urban roads. One busy Paris dual carriageway for example has no lighting.

It is also the case that cars and cyclists can often be more readily viewed at night because of their lights.

With all due sympathy for traffic accident victims, surely pedestrians should always be walking on a verge or pathway and not on highways and we should only cross when we can judge it's safe to do so. Any lighting system cannot be a substitute for our own common sense and prudence.

Milton Keynes' redways on the other hand were an invention that makes some of them not particularly safe even in broad daylight; some are often far too removed from public view for cyclists and pedestrians to feel safe at any time unless one is in a group.

Surely before relighting any roads, councillors must examine the conditions of any accidents in unlit roads and, along with experts, do their best to determine whether it was human or lighting failure that caused the accident.

Name and address supplied

Who to vote for. . .

SIR - So the various political parties will be putting forward their nominees for this important regional duty of police commissioner (MK NEWS, June 27).

How will the electorate be able to choose the most capable candidate other than by the colour of their rosette, or of any other candidate who does not possess a rosette colour?

I have not seen, being one of those persons with no computer, any list of the duties which he or she will be expected to undertake, nor of the amount of knowledge of the Thames Valley area which the elected person will require.

At the elections in May, I received advice from only one of the four candidates for my town council ward and, perhaps, two from the five candidates for my MK Council vote.

Will the police commissioner candidates do any better?

Should I not vote (in the absence of information about a candidate), mark 'none of these' and so spoil my ballot paper, or should I simply 'pinprick' a candidate's name who does not have a rosette colour (in obedience to the Home Office assurance, which you mention, that voting by rosette colour will not occur)?

Lastly, what sort of electoral turnout should one expect in order that the elected commissioner can earn the respect of the entire community which he/she will serve? My criteria would be 80 per cent, as simple as that.

If the turnout is as low as in a recent local town council by-election, then the community clearly considers the whole commissioner concept to be a waste of money in whichever budget may be saddled with the costs.

Leonard Lean
Greenleys

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Firefighters tackle blaze in Netherfield

Probe begins into early morning house blaze

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched after a fire destroyed the front of a home.

The blaze started at the three-storey house in Farmborough in Netherfield at around 5am on Friday morning in its service cupboard. Three people were able to evacuate safely, and they were looked after by volunteers from the British Red Cross.

Firefighters from Bletchley and Great Holm stations, wearing breathing apparatus, put out the fire and cleared away the smoke with a fan.

Firefighters revisited the area later that day to offer safety advice and reassurance to residents.

City college wins 'offender' contract

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A COLLEGE in the city has today become one of the top three largest providers for offender learning in the country.

In a deal that will be worth almost £37million per year, Milton Keynes College has been awarded a Government contract that will see it teaching adult offenders in everything from open to high security prisons, including HMP Woodhill.

The contract, which will double the college's turnover to around £70m a year and also see it teaching in young offender institutions, will mean 1,200 staff are transferred to the college.

Sally Alexander, Milton Keynes College executive director of offender learning, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for all the staff involved in offender learning and is recognition of the value-for-money and high quality teaching provided by them.

"Recent research shows that prisoners taking part in this kind of education are far less likely to commit more crimes once they are released. One study showed a fall in reoffending rates for those involved from 60 per cent to nine per cent.

"Not only do the individuals have a far better chance of finding work when they are released but this crime reduction saves the country tens of millions of pounds a year."

Under the new contract, which starts today, the college will tutor prisoners in a wide variety of subjects from basic literacy and numeracy to vocational and academic qualifications, in 35 institutions in the East and West Midlands and in the south central region.

College principal and CEO Dr Julie Mills said: "It is a huge responsibility and a tremendous vote of confidence in the department and the college.

"I am very proud not only of the fact that we have been awarded such a significant contract but also of the enormous, positive impact it will have on the individuals concerned, their families and society as a whole."

The contract was awarded jointly by the Skills Funding Agency and the Ministry of Justice.

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New theatre boss

A NEW general manager has been announced at Milton Keynes Theatre. Mike Keane has already worked for owner Ambassador Theatre Group for 13 years, having previously been posted at The Regent Theatre and Victoria Hall in Stoke-on-Trent.

MPs out and about

BOTH Milton Keynes MPs will be out and about over the coming weeks. MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart will be conducting mobile surgeries in his ward, while his MK North colleague Mark Lancaster will be visiting his rural areas. For details on times an places see www.mk-news.co.uk

Green Gym a year old

THE Milton Keynes Green Gym, which gets people active by taking part in conservation work, last week celebrated its first birthday with a walk at Hanson Environmental Centre.

Man on attempted murder charge

A MAN has been charged with attempted murder following an incident on Saturday.

Gerry Young, of Waterside, Peartree Bridge, was charged in connection with an incident inside a property in Waterside at about 3.30pm.

A 38-year-old man suffered stab wounds to his abdomen and arm, and an injury to his hand.

The victim was taken to hospital for treatment but his injuries are not life-threatening.

Forty-five-year-old Mr Young was remanded in custody and initially appeared before Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Monday morning.

He is now due to re-appear before Luton Crown Court this morning.

Square could still be retitled

THE debate over whether to rename Station Square is set to rumble on.

As reported by MK NEWS, Milton Keynes Council leader Andrew Geary was considering two weeks ago whether to name the plaza outside the city's central railway station after Fred Roche.

In 1970 Mr Roche became general manager of the Milton Keynes Development Corporation at the age of 39, leading the team that was to lay the foundations of the new city.

But Cllr Geary rejected the plan, after concerns for people who use the square on a regular basis such as taxi drivers.

Now that item has been 'called in' by 20 residents, who want the square to be dedicated to Mr Roche. The council's executive scrutiny panel will now decide whether to ask Cllr Geary to reconsider on Wednesday.

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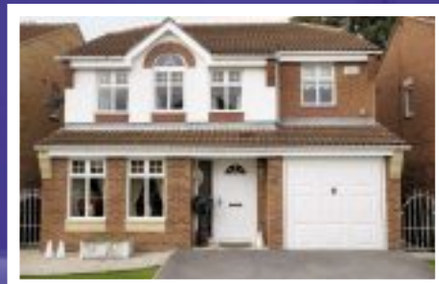

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Kids told 'beware the phone thieves'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A RISE in the number of mobile phone thefts from youngsters outside schools has prompted the police to issue safety advice.

Children as young as 12 are having their phones stolen, with 36 incidents outside educational establishments in the city since the beginning of March.

Thieves are mainly targeting Blackberrys and iPhones, though android phones such as HTCs are also on their shopping lists.

DS Kelly Gardner, based in Milton Keynes, said: "The message we are trying to get out to teenagers and their parents is that this is an increasing problem.

"It's not happening every minute, and Milton Keynes is generally a very safe place to be.

"But these phones are worth a lot of money and children go around talking and listening to music with them in their hands, and it's a good theft opportunity."

Now Thames Valley Police are recommending owners download special 'applications', or software, that can help tackle the thugs by tracking the mobile's location.

DS Gardner added: "The phones are now so advanced that we can make it easier to find them and protect them,with things like GPS.

"If a phone is stolen we can now track it, and get the people responsible."

If you have a Blackberry, download the application Blackberry Protect from your browser or App World, which can locate, remotely lock or wipe data from the phone. For iPhones, look for Find My iPhone in your apps and turn it on.

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The Stony Stratford stall will be on the High Street from 10am-10.45am.

He will move to Queensway in Bletchley, from 11.15am-noon and he will be outside Woburn Sands library from 12.30pm-1.15pm.

Burglars scared off

BURGLARS forced open a front door and entered a property in Dulwich Gardens, Newport Pagnell at around 2.30pm last Wednesday.

The offenders, who are both black, noticed a woman in the property and ran off.

Anyone with information call 101.

Top engineer's award

AN ARRIVA engineer from the Milton Keynes depot scooped an award at the Institute of Road Transport Engineers Skills Challenge.

Colin Harris was named Top Scoring Electrical Technician.

The company also took home the Outstanding Achievement award.

Cancer sufferer struts on catwalk

AN INSPIRATIONAL woman is taking to the catwalk to show you can look glamorous and feel amazing after a breast cancer diagnosis.

Clare Rayner, 37, from Furzton was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002 and now she is taking part in Breast Cancer Care's London Fashion Show on October 3 along with 23 other brave men and women.

She said: "My outlook on life is positive as I am living with secondary breast cancer and hopefully my attitude has rubbed onto others.

"I have a very open mind when it comes to life, I cannot control what has happened and coming to terms at an early stage and accepting this is happening and have to just get on with it."

The models will strut down the catwalk wearing a fabulous range of designer clothing from fashion's elite including Alexander McQueen, Stella McCartney and Vivienne Westwood, as well as high street outfits.

Tickets are available from www.breastcancercare.org.uk/the show with prices ranging from £60-£180. Early bird offers available for advance booking.

If you are unable to attend but still want to donate visit www.justgiving.com/Clare-Rayner-Model-in-BreastCancerCare-FashionShow

Helping hand for city charity

A YOUTH charity based in Milton Keynes has gained support from two companies.

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The projects founder, Gary Payne, said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for the community of Milton Keynes to work together to provide our young people with the skills they require to become the next generation of successful community and business leaders.

"In the year of the Olympics, the project will be a great opportunity to get young people participating in physical activities to increase their health and wellbeing."

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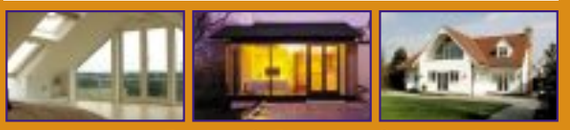

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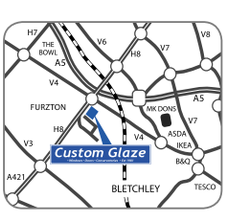

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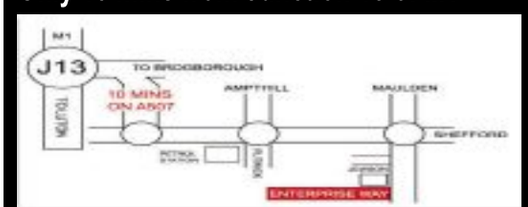

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Love is in the air at sheltered home

Loved up: Joan Heigold and Ray Smith

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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AGE is no issue when it comes to finding love as two residents from the city have proven.

Joan Heigold, 77, bagged herself toyboy Ray Smith, 65, shortly after he moved into Hungerford House sheltered accommodation in Emerson Valley.

Joan said: "I chased him a bit, if he was in the garden I'd make an excuse to go out there.

"I told my friend I liked him and she asked him what he thought of me, she told him that if he was interested he should give it a go."

And her friend proved to be quite the match maker because just a few months after he moved in Ray asked Joan out.

Now four months down the line the love birds are celebrating their engagement after Ray popped the question out of the blue.

The couple threw an engagement party on Saturday attended by all their friends, family and residents at Hungerford House.

But so far the loved-up pair are yet to set a date for the big day.

Ray said: "We're just enjoying things the way they are at the moment but a wedding is on the cards."

Sheltered accommodation might not be the first place you'd think of to go looking for love but there's obviously something in the water at Hungerford House because three years ago another pair of residents got married.

Nora Gibbard, sheltered housing officer, said: "People think it's just women in sheltered accommodation but there's a good mix here because we have about 21 men and anyone who's looking for romance is quite open about it."

And for those lonely hearts out there looking for love Joan has some advice.

She said: "Just go for it, life is too short these days."

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Around 100,000 people attended the events as part of IF, the city's new international showpiece, with a large number coming from other parts of the country and the globe.

The acts performing this year had a distinctly global flavour, from Spain's Deabru Beltzak with Drums of Fire, who closed the festival on Sunday night, to the Indian music styles of Raghu Dixit and songwriting of Irish Duke Special, who performed on the opening day.

IF went out with a bang on Sunday as hundreds took their rugs and hampers - and umbrellas - to the World Picnic in Campbell Park, enjoying live performances of world music, and even taking part in Samba and other dancing events.

Stony Stratford-based Scribal Gathering provided the brave with an opportunity to jump on the mic and wax lyrical, with poems and songs.

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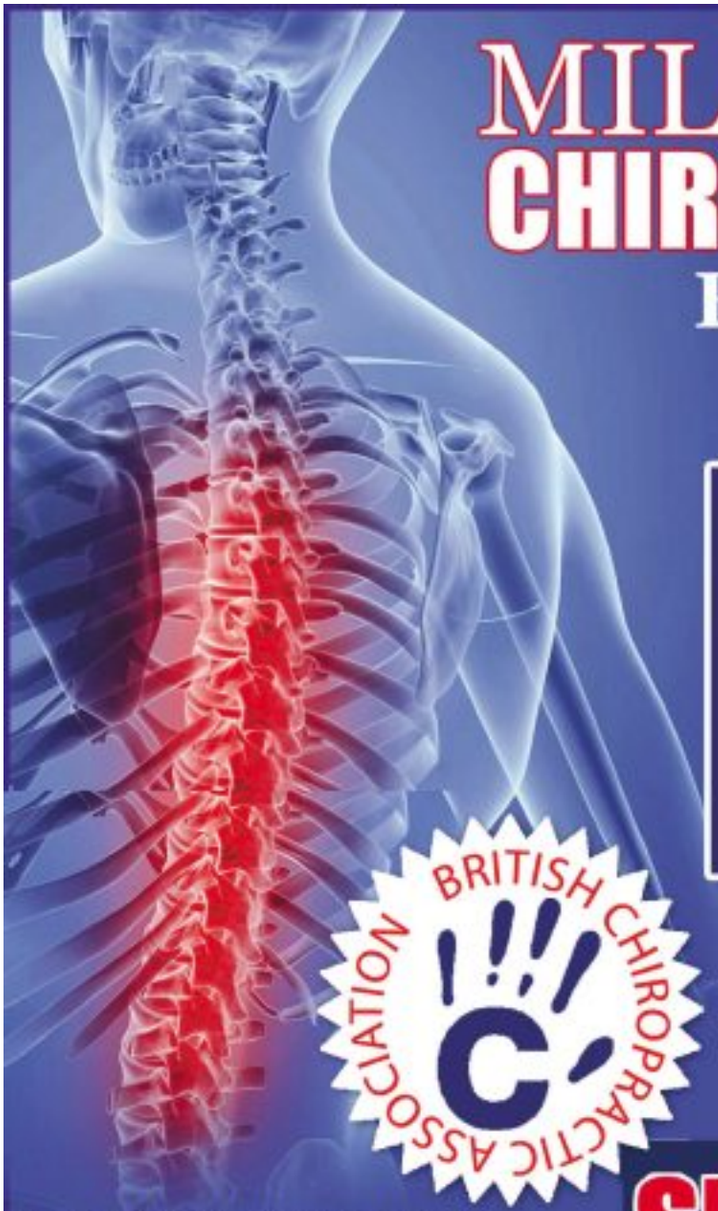

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Minister goes to estate 'of future'

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A £7.7MILLION project to make nearly 500 city homes in a 'tired' area more energy efficient has been given the thumbs up by a Government minister.

Greg Barker, minister for energy and climate change, met residents in the Lakes Estate in Bletchley whose houses are being made warmer and greener.

The work includes installing double glazing, external wall insulation, new flat roofs and cladding, as well as replacing boilers.

It is being carried out by Apollo, part of the housing and regeneration company Keepmoat, on behalf of owner Milton Keynes Council.

Mr Barker said: "I've been really inspired by what I've seen.

"This is in many places a very tired estate, and I think some people would have despaired about whether they would get the improvements they deserve.

"What I've seen today is a glimpse of the future, I've spoken to residents who are tickled pink.

"They can enjoy comfort, savings and improvement that other people take for granted."

Jeanette Marling, whose home was one of the first to be completed, is pleased with the upgrades and can now expect to benefit from cheaper bills.

Barry Clay and MP Iain Stewart with Greg Barker, *centre*

Derek Beaumont, housing contracts and partnering manager at Milton Keynes Council, said: "We are committed to improving the homes of our tenants with a view to them saving money."

The Lakes Estate was built between 1968 and 1975 and consists of 2,200 homes, mostly terraced houses and bungalows.

About half of these are owned by the council.

Barry Clay, contracts manager for Keepmoat, added: "The work we are carrying out not only benefits the environment but also means tenants and home owners could save hundreds of pounds a year on their energy bills, which is obviously very welcome."

The tour of the estate followed a conference organised by the Department of Energy and Climate Change, during which Mr Barker announced new guidance to help local authorities improve the energy efficiency of their residential housing.

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Invading bees take over family's toilet

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Concerned: Christine Bullen with the bees nest

A MOTHER-of-two has said that she is too frightened to use her own bathroom because of a bees nest she has been trying to remove for a year.

Pregnant Christine Bullen, who lives in Stirling House, Bletchley, has had to use the facilities at her mother's house instead where she also takes her two young children.

Malakai, 2, and Lacy, 1, are not allowed to use the bath at her home because of fears that they may get stung.

And because the 21-year-old has another child on the way she is currently at her wits' end.

Bees have been sneaking into the bathroom from the nest, which is on an outside wall, to make it a no-go area.

The situation is so bad that Malakai is still in nappies because he cannot be properly potty trained.

Christine claimed that Milton Keynes Council hadn't done anything about it for a year despite repeated calls, a point which is disputed by the local authority.

She said: "I have two very young children and can't bathe them

"Nobody has done anything about it as they said that it wasn't an emergency. Nobody will come out.

"But we've been staying at my mum's and can't go near the toilet as we are too petrified and nervous."

Up to 20 of the stingers can make their way into the bathroom at any one time through a wall cavity, but Christine has mostly been able to avoid their wrath.

A council spokesman said: "We have recently become aware of this issue, which has been complicated by the height and relatively inaccessible location of the nest.

"We will be putting up some scaffolding so we can treat the nest safely and work should be completed within the next few days.

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Bill is launched to pardon Turing

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A PRIVATE members bill was introduced last week in an attempt to get a pardon for computer pioneer Alan Turing.

In 1952 the man who is said to have shortened the Second World War by years through his work breaking codes at Bletchley Park was convicted of gross indecency with another man.

A campaign to clear Turing's name has now been rumbling on for several years, with MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart speaking in Parliament on a number of occasions.

But on Wednesday Lord John Sharkey introduced a bill in the House of Lords that could see a new law introduced to grant him a pardon.

In a statement Lord Sharkey said: "Alan Turing was a truly great Briton. He was the father of computing; his legacy is with us every time anyone uses a computer anywhere in the world.

"He also helped save this country. His work on cracking the Enigma Code at Bletchley Park during the Second World War undoubtedly changed the course of the war and saved many thousands of lives. But instead of being rewarded by his country, he was cruelly punished and convicted simply for being gay.

Pardon plea: Lord John Sharkey, *left*, wants Alan Turing's name cleared

"If my bill becomes law, as I hope it will, then this will finally go some way towards acknowledging the debt we all owe to Alan Turing and grant him the free pardon he so clearly deserves."

The bill has a long way to go before it would become a law and would need to be ratified before the end of the current Parliamentary session in May.

There is the problem of there not being enough time in the Parliamentary Houses for it to be heard and voted on.

Lord Sharkey added: "It's not the end of the battle, but it's a helpful step."

Mr Stewart also said he hopes the bill, which would pardon Alan Turing alone, would allay previous fears that a law applied to the codebreaker would open the floodgates for other posthumous pardon applications.

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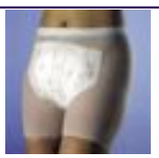

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Cheers: Youngsters at Camp MK at Little Chestnuts enjoy their beach

Sun shines on beach party

LIFE really was a beach at Little Chestnuts in Bletchley on Thursday as children celebrated the opening of Camp MK Day Camps.

Youngsters aged between four and eight competed to build the best sand castle, took part in beach volleyball and made fruit cocktails to enjoy at their very own beach party.

The sun even came out for their special day, too.

Every week in the school holidays Camp MK at Little Chestnuts has a different theme. For more information see www.kidsplaychildcare.co.uk.

MK eyeing £24m to improve life

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city is chasing a windfall of £24million from the Government as part of a national competition.

Milton Keynes Council, partnered with University Centre Milton Keynes (UCMK), and 29 other local authorities are competing for the prize from the Government-backed Technology Strategy Board (TSB). It has been given £50,000 to carry out a study into how modern technology can be applied to improve people's lives.

It must show how it would 'integrate transport, communications and other infrastructure to improve the local economy, increase quality of life and reduce impact on the environment'.

The winning study will then win the grand prize, to allow it to become a 'demonstrator city' and carry out its plans.

Professor Keith Straughan, dean of UCMK, said: "The university is delighted to be an integral part of this project which we will support through the research of our Smart Cities Institute (part of the University of Bedfordshire).

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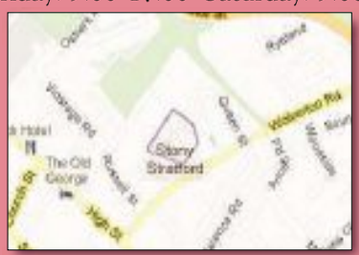

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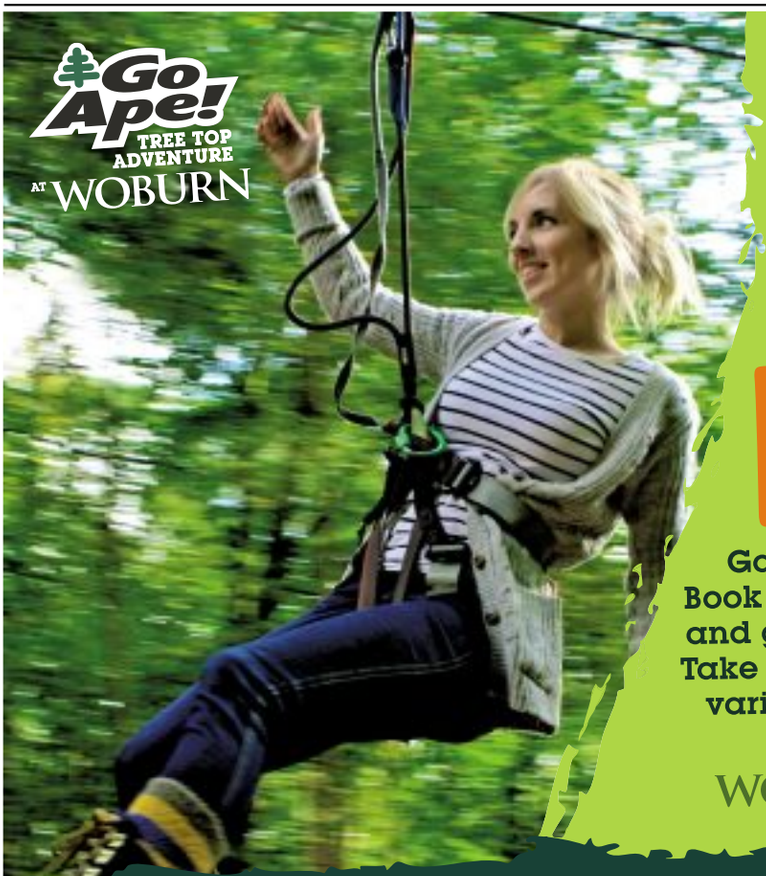

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Snap away for chance to win prize

Photo taken: An image by Ilum Ally, a year 12 student at Walton High, who will be entering the competition

STUDENTS have been getting snappy happy ready to join in the Arts and Culture Festival's photography competition.

The contest is split into two categories and pupils at Walton High, Walnut Tree, were encouraged to enter Diversity in Milton Keynes and submit photos that demonstrate the broad nature of the city.

The second category involves taking photos of the event at Campbell Park on August 25-26 and uploading them onto computers at the festival.

Rachel Hart, an art teacher at the school, said: "We have our own photography competition in the school so when I found out about the competition we came up with a similar theme for ours so that pupils could enter both."

Entrants are split into two age groups, 14-18 and 18 plus and the lucky person who zooms into first place in the older category will receive a Fuji camera worth £600.

There's also a top-of-the-range camera for the winner of the 14-18 group to snap up. And the prizes don't stop there - the Advisory Centre for Education will fund a photography course for one runner up and MK NEWS will offer work experience to the photographer whose entry captures our attention. Also, the winners and nine runners-up will have their work displayed in MK Gallery with the exhibition then travelling around several venues in the city.

If the competition is a success it could become an annual event.

Miss Hart said: "More students might get involved next year because they can see what is going on this year.

"I think if it does take place again next year it's important that the theme changes so it's not the same people entering the same photographs."

Entry costs £10 for the 18 plus age group and £5 for the 14-18. For more information visit wwwimikiac.org

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It's bad form as Paul loses seat

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A BY-ELECTION will be taking place after a town councillor failed to fill in a form.

Controversial Stony Stratford Town Councillor Paul Bartlett, who wanted to see smoking banned on the town's streets, was elected unopposed into his South West seat in May.

All elected members must fill in an acceptance form before they can be confirmed as councillors.

But as Mr Bartlett was suspended at the time after he was found to have breached the council's code of conduct, he said he was not sure what he should do and did not fill in the form.

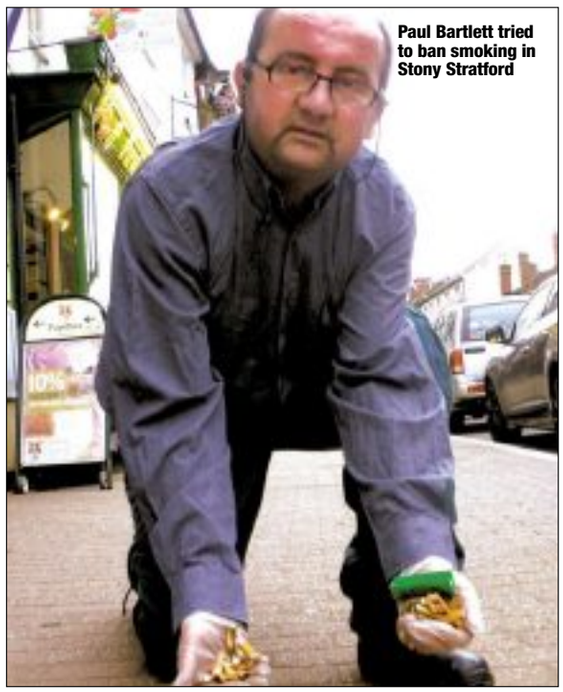
He said: "No-one contacted me to say I hadn't signed the form.

"The whole thing is contrived - the election doesn't need to take place.

"I've made requests for them to sort it out because it's not moral, it goes against democracy."

Nominations open tomorrow, and close on August 9, and MK NEWS understands the election will be on September 6.

Stony Stratford Town Council was not available for comment before MK NEWS went to press.



Paul Bartlett tried to ban smoking in Stony Stratford

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For the chop: Rachel Lovett-Riddy has bravely cut her locks for charity

Girl's hair-raising effort for charity

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD has had her luscious locks chopped to make a wig for a child who has lost their hair due to cancer treatment.

Rachel Lovett-Riddy, who goes to Knowles Junior School in Bletchley, donated 11 inches of her hair to The Little Princess Trust, which provides real-hair wigs to children.

Rachel has wanted a cut for years but her mum, Deborah Riddy, couldn't bare to see her little girl's gorgeous hair on the salon floor.

But after seeing a news report about the trust she decided to give into Rachel's pestering.

She said: "She's never really had a hair cut, she's had the odd trim when it was needed but other than that she's always had long hair, so I think it will come as quite a shock."

Each wig costs the charity about £350 and Rachel has also set up a fundraising page.

Miss Riddy said: "She was going for £350 but she's already raised £600 so her hair could make two boy's wigs or a girl's wig."

Rachel had her tresses cut on Friday at Evolve Hair in Fenny Stratford and now the ponytail is winging its way to the charity.

Miss Riddy said: "Rachel wanted a bob but I said to have it to just below the shoulder because if she doesn't like it, it will grow back quickly.

"We both have thick hair and I had mine cut too short when I was at school so I've learnt from my mistakes."

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Special 'pedalo' to get blind on bikes

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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NOWADAYS everybody seems to be fundraising for causes close to their heart, so when setting out on such a quest it is important to stand out from the crowd.

City-based Cogs4Dogs do just that.

Comprising of guide dog owners and sighted supporters, it aims to enable blind people to experience the freedom of cycling as well as raising money at the same time.

You may think cycling is an impossible task for blind people - but their bike is no ordinary bike.

Although the concept is a little hard to get your head around at first, member Richard King, 44, described the bike as an on-land pedalo.

This novel idea came somewhat out of the blue when blind couple Sarah and Alan Weaver, both 40, saw a specially adapted bike while on holiday and were bowled over by the idea.

And so, with the help of their friends and son Ryan, 15, Cogs4Dogs was born.

Now six months down the line they have a bike of their own which is turning heads around the city.

Mr Weaver said: "Everyone's been really supportive. We won most original entry at West Bletchley Carnival and we did a bucket collection to raise money."

The Cogs4Dogs team with their specially adapted 'pedalo' bicycle

It's no surprise that Cogs4Dogs was awarded this accolade. Kitted out in Union Jacks and dozens of red, white and blue balloons the bike was certainly a show stopper.

During the carnival the six-seater bike towed a custom built dog trailer complete with 6ft dog, Milton the Mascot, who recently took part in the Mascot Olympics at the Theatre District.

Mrs Weaver said: "It's just about having fun. We've had bus drivers pull up and ask us if we want to swap."

Cogs4Dogs is a relatively new group but it has high hopes and eventually wants to achieve charity status.

Mr Weaver said: "You can add more sections to the bike so we'd like to keep adding to it. The bike and the dog's trailer weigh about 180 kilos and that's before you've got anyone on it, but the more people the easier it gets because everyone is pedalling.

"We'd love to do Silverstone, that's not an impossible dream."

Members are popping up at a number of events across the city.

Their next event is the Fenny Poppers Festival on August 19 and they'll be making an appearance at the Theatre District Christmas lights switch-on so make sure to keep an eye out for them - they will be hard to miss.

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New lease of life for a former pub

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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AN EMPTY pub could soon become a valuable community asset.

The Queen Victoria in Church Street, Wolverton, has been closed since Christmas and now Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council is looking to take it over.

Currently it is working as part of a partnership including the MK Play Association and Age UK Milton Keynes on a scheme to buy the building.

Before deciding on whether to go ahead with this plan and carry out extensive refurbishment they want to discover if residents of Wolverton want the town council to take on the project.

They also want to find people interested in getting involved in this project - particularly charities or organisations willing to join the partnership.

Sally Weldon, the town council's clerk, said: "Good pubs can be the heart of a community and we do not want to see the loss of such a key building in the heart of the town centre.

"We've been talking to The Plunkett Foundation to see if running the bar is a viable option but this is not the only thing we want to use the pub for.

"The pub has three floors and we want to convert the top floor into flats.

"The middle floor is the one we're most unsure about. The first floor is where the bar area is and we'd also like to create a cafe there with a children's play area as well as somewhere for older people to meet."

Plans: The Queen Victoria pub site

The town council believes that the Victorian building will be turned into a block of flats if the town council does not put it back into community use.

It is hoped that the pub will be self sufficient because users will pay rent but initially a loan will be taken out to buy the building.

The town council is due to make a decision at a full meeting on August 30 which residents are able to attend, although any views on the project should be submitted prior to this date.

A special meeting may need to be called earlier if somebody else puts in an offer on the building.

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Firefighters field an Olympic team

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city's firefighters have their very own team at the Olympics and Paralympics this year.

But they're not competing.

Two firefighters from Great Holm station and one from Bletchley will be on hand over the course of the games in Eton Dorney Rowing Centre in south Buckinghamshire.

The firefighters, who cannot be named for reasons of security at the site, will be at Dorney Lake to help keep everyone safe while the rowing, canoe sprint and adaptive rowing events take place.

Ian Taylor, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service's emergency and business continuity manager, said: "The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games have provided a wonderful opportunity for us to put well-rehearsed joint-working plans with our emergency service colleagues into practice, while helping ensure the safety of everyone at Buckinghamshire's Olympic venue."

The brigade has also said the service in Milton Keynes will not be affected, as cover has been guaranteed at every station from which an officer has been seconded. Mr Taylor added: "We have selected staff from whole-time and retained stations the length and breadth of the area we serve in order to make additional resources available at Dorney without reducing fire cover anywhere in Buckinghamshire or Milton Keynes."

Olympic effort: The team of firefighters at Eton Dorney Rowing Centre

The team is completed with firefighters from around the rest of Bucks including Aylesbury, and Beaconsfield and the training centre at Haddenham, and it will be using two emergency vehicles - a fully-equipped fire engine, and a specially-adapted four wheel drive pick-up truck.

Cricket duo hit for six by special gong

BY DAN PALMER
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TWO cricket coaches have been honoured by England sporting legend Sir Ian Botham for their outstanding services to the game's grassroots.

Wolverton Town CC pair Colin Knightly and Kevin Pichowski were presented with certificates by the former all-rounder during the recent test between England and South Africa at The Oval.

They were both acknowledged as part of the Sky Sports ECB Coach Education programme's reward and recognition scheme.

Knightly has played for Wolverton Town CC since 1974 and been treasurer of the club for 20 years. For the last nine years he has been the MK District U12 coach and manager.

Four years ago he formed the North Bucks Girls team encouraging more females to get involved in cricket.

He said: "The crucial fact is that because the programme is so far-reaching, cricket fans or players can develop into coaches readily and with ease."

Kevin is currently the longest serving Wolverton Town player and has several roles at the club, including lead coach, organiser and planner of all sessions. Last year he was instrumental in raising funds to enable delivery of quality cricket coaching to a local primary school that has a hearing impaired unit. His son, Stefan, is hearing impaired and has represented England Deaf at cricket.

This year Kevin has delivered coaching to two specialist schools for moderate learning difficulty children.

Howzat? Colin Knightly and Kevin Pichowski with Sir Ian Botham

South American safety lessons from city's racer

BRAZILIAN schoolchildren have been learning valuable road safety lessons, thanks to the city's very own race-ace.

World Touring Cars driver James Nash visited the youngsters in Curitiba, Brazil, as the season made its way to South America.

The Newport Pagnell driver, the reigning British Independents' Touring Cars champion, handed out high visibility jackets at one of the city's most underprivileged areas. According to figures released by the Brazilian Ministry of Health, Curitiba has the worst road safety record in Brazil. In 2011 more young people aged 0-19 died in road related accidents. Nash, 26, said: "Road safety is a very important message, especially in Curitiba and Brazil and if I can help to raise awareness and keep children safe I'm happy."

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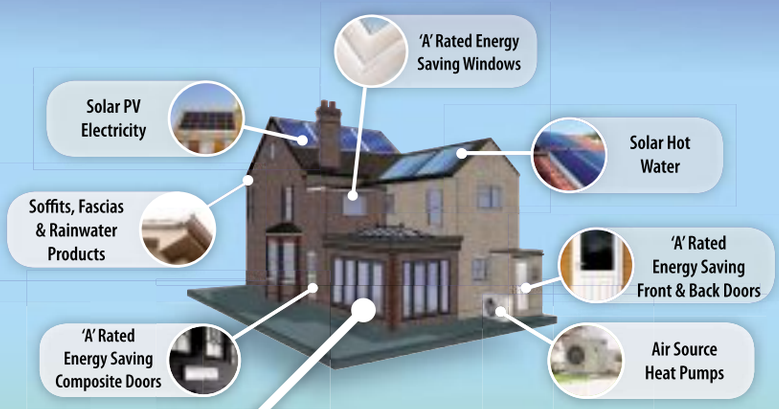

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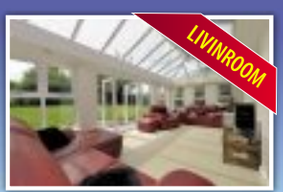

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Rock a frock with students

STUDENTS who met on a business course last month have launched a quirky new service.

Rock the Frock is all the rage on the other side of the Atlantic, giving brides and other gown-wearers the chance to wear their beloved dresses in unusual places, poses and situations.

Sheereen Khan, from Oakhill, recently started up her new business The Wedding Planners MK after attending a course which helps people gain the confidence to start their own ventures.

And with photographers she met on the course, she launched her Rock the Frock service at The Black Horse in Great Linford.

She said: "I met up with four photographers and we decided to do this little venture together.

"We provide pre and post-wedding photography, as well as for those wanting to wear their ball gowns and prom dresses one more time."

Launch: Sheereen Khan of The Wedding Planners MK launched Rock the Frock with four photographers

Law firms join forces to create one company

A LAW firm which has two offices in the city has merged with another company in one of the biggest deals of its kind in the region.

Harvey Ingram, which has bases in CMK and Newport Pagnell, will join forces with Shakespeares and begin operating as one firm from September 1.

The merger has created the second largest law firm spanning the East and West Midlands and Home Counties.

With a combined turnover of approximately £50m, the new firm employs some 815 lawyers and staff.

It will trade as Harvey Ingram Shakespeares in Leicester, and Shakespeares in all other offices.

Paul Wilson, chief executive at Shakespeares, said: "This is a highly significant deal for both firms.

"I am delighted that I and Harvey Ingram's Simon Astill and Stephen Woolfe have brought this deal to a successful completion, it marks a new beginning for us all."

Young builders on the job thanks to a new initiative

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A GROUP of apprentice builders have been making their mark at a flagship housing development thanks to a new apprenticeship scheme.

Earlier this year Milton Keynes-based National House Builders Council (NHBC) launched a joint initiative with the Cross-Industry Construction Apprenticeship Task Force and Milton Keynes College to get student builders experience on the job. Builders in the city are offered £1,000 to take on a first-year construction student for ten weeks' work experience.

And now four students from MK College are based at Bellway Homes' Stratford Road site in Wolverton, undertaking a range of duties such as bricklaying and carpentry.

Explaining why he decided to sign up for the apprenticeship, 18-year-old Matthew McNamara from New Bradwell said: "It was a great opportunity and one which I couldn't turn down.

"From just a few weeks on site, being part of the team and learning new skills, I know this is something I would definitely like to do as a career after my studies."

The experience Matthew and his fellow students are now getting could eventually lead to full-time positions on completion of their studies.

Paul Smits, construction manager at the site, said: "We are delighted to be involved in the scheme and have been very impressed with the commitment and attitude of the students.

"It is important that the industry is able to provide opportunities like this in an attempt to educate and inform the next generation of builders."

Rob Lockey, training services manager at NHBC, said there has been a positive response to the scheme from local companies.

He added: "The scheme offers our registered builders an opportunity to find out if a first-year student is suited to working for their company before making the commitment of taking them on as an apprentice."

Huge growth for health firm

A HOME healthcare provider has grown by an exponential 533 per cent in its first five years.

The Medical Research Network (MRN) based in Crownhill is now also forecasting turnover to be 700 per cent for the year ending 2012, with a near five-fold increase in staff.

MRN's CEO Graham Wylie attributes the success of the company, which provides home healthcare for patients in clinical trials, to its service, support and staff.

He said: "The growth of the company has been driven by our commitment to meeting the needs of customers as they explore the benefits of MRN's services, requesting we work in more and more countries with increasingly large projects."

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THIS month Omar Osman, director of Oak Wealth Planning in Olney, talks about pensions

WE ALWAYS hear in the news so much about pensions that we tend to glaze over.

For example the retirement age for state pensions has changed, they want us to work for longer and company pensions are being made less beneficial. So what's it all about?

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Simple? Apparently not, because amazingly about 45-50 per cent of people are not putting away enough for a comfortable retirement and around 20 per cent of UK workers contribute nothing. Save now or leave it to chance - it's up to you.

Honoured: Dave Alford is presented with his award by Allan Bennett of the English Beef and Lamb Executive

Butcher shows he's a cut above the rest

A TOWN butcher scooped a prize at a recent national competition for his trade.

Dave Alford, manager of Woburn Country Foods butchers at Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands, got third prize at the English Beef and Lamb Executive National Butchery Cutting Competition at the beginning of last month.

Contestants were judged on their handling of two primal joints, for method and preparation for sale and Dave impressed with his skills.

He said: "This is a brilliant achievement and I am privileged to be rewarded for doing something that I enjoy."

MKBUSINESSBRIEFS

Speaker speaks

SPEAKER of the House of Commons, John Bercow MP, *pictured*, made an appearance to speak at the recent Business Leaders Partnership dinner. He talked his audience through the role of the Speaker of the House, and spent much of his time talking on a one-to-one level with those at the dinner. He also spoke about the benefits of the planned East-West Rail line.

New nightclub for CMK

A NEW nightclub opened last week in CMK. The Jam House operator No Saints launched WonderWorld on Thursday, a new-concept club at the site of the former Oceana at Xscape.

Charity of the year

WILLEN Hospice has been named charity of the year for Lok'nStore Milton Keynes.

Firm's China coup

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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A MARKETING communications agency is getting ready to turn on the style after winning a contract with a top Chinese men's fashion retailer.

RSM, based on Calverton Lane near Kiln Farm, has been chosen to manage PR and marketing strategies for Bosideng, which officially opened its first overseas flagship store and European headquarters in London on Thursday.

Bosideng, which boasts 10,000 outlets in China, has invested more than £30million in its new flagship store in London's Mayfair and RSM will now market the brand to the UK through an integrated digital, social media and events campaign.

Managing director Joseph Wheeler said: "This is an exciting UK launch of a major Chinese brand.

"We're proud to work with Bosideng on its flagship London store."

RSM is also managing a corporate, financial and brand public relations strategy for Bosideng, which is one of the first Chinese clothing retailers to enter the UK market.

Bosideng CEO Wayne Zhu said: "We see the UK as an important stage on which to position our brand internationally."

"We've timed our official opening in London to coincide with the Olympics, and RSM has proved the perfect partner to advise on and manage our profile in this important market."

Established in 1997, RSM has a record of supporting international clients including Lamborghini, luxury Swiss watch manufacturer Blancpain and leading Japanese tyre manufacturer Yokohama.

It also counts among its clients brands such as Eurosport, Biffa, Mercedes Benz, Jawbone and Haymarket.

MarKetNEWS

	Prices (p)		
	1 Jun	20 Jul	Change
A.G. Barr	348	424.2	21.9%
BP	402	439.85	9.4%
BT	203.2	224.4	10.4%
Coca Cola	$73.2	$77.03	2.1%
Domino's Pizza	486.5	519	6.7%
Glanbia	€5.57	€4.92	-11.7%
Home Retail	73.5	74.65	1.6%
Persimmon	532	651.5	22.5%
Rexam	393.9	442.1	12.2%
Santander	345	327.75	-5%
Shanks	79.1	79.4	0.4%
Tesco	299.2	325	8.6%
Walker Greenbank	69.5	71.5	2.9%

CHARLES STANLEY

THE EU Summit to which we referred last month produced an acceptable outcome to the markets – an extra €100billion from the ECB to prop up the weaker banks within the Eurozone.

This allowed investors to concentrate upon the fundamentals of the companies in which they invest.

The FTSE All Share rose, and this has been reflected within our MarKetNEWS, which enjoyed a good month.

BP shares rose in expectation that it will agree a final settlement with the US authorities, which will allow it to move on from the consequences of the awful Gulf of Mexico oil spill two years ago.

Persimmon was very strong after it published super results. It is one of the most highly regarded housebuilders and despite the gloom surrounding the market, there is still strong demand, particularly in the south of the country. The risk to housebuilders lies in increasingly poor availability of mortgages as the banks seek to repair balance sheets.

The board of upmarket wallpaper manufacturer Walker Greenbank announced a major contract win with an American hotel group for about five miles of wallpaper to furnish one large hotel. The shares rose on MarKetNEWS.

The MarKetNEWS list contains a selection of companies with a Buckinghamshire presence. Prices and commentary have been provided by Paul Neanor of Charles Stanley Stockbrokers. For professional stockbroking or investment advice, please call the MK team on 01908 691681.
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So take a picnic, seat or blanket and enjoy the performance set against a backdrop of one of the city's favourite parks.

The performance will go on barring any weather other than a hurricane, so be prepared for rain or shine.

The event costs £10 per adult, £7 per child or £28 per family of four, and takes place at Campbell Park Pavilion.

Tickets must be bought in advance from www.theparkstrust.com, or in person at Campbell Park Pavilion, as last year the event sold out.

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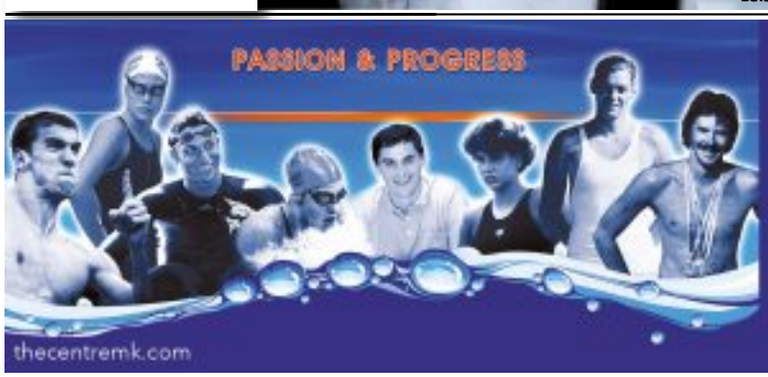

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beingbrave

NEWLY released at the cinema this week is Brave, a film which whisks us off to bonnie Scotland.

In fact we're going to the Highlands in the 10th century, and as you can tell from the kilted gang of ginger haired people to your right, the film does feature a fair few stereotypes.

It doesn't matter though as Brave happens to be the latest animated adventure from Pixar, known for previous hits like Toy Story, Cars and Up.

With a track record like that the pressure was always on to deliver and luckily Brave follows in the footsteps of those instant classics, it's a film which is beautifully animated, great fun and one that the entire family can enjoy.

Our heroine is skilled archer Merida who, angry at attempts to set up her arranged marriage, causes chaos between various clans.

Scots such as Billy Connolly provide voices so there are no dodgy accents, but there are spells, magic and even giant bears.

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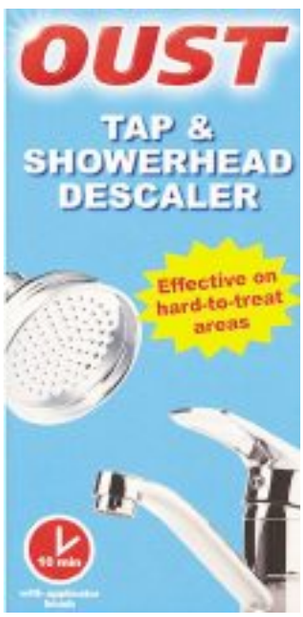

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SIMON Hawkins, manager of Frosts Garden Design Studio in Woburn Sands, this week tells MK LIFE readers of how a famous flower show taught him not to judge other gardeners

IN AN act of selflessness my colleague and I tore ourselves away from our desks to battle the sunshine and Pimms carts at the Hampton Court Flower Show.

As I wandered the grounds it reinforced just how incredibly diverse plants can be.

Although a bit of a cynic of 'artsy' gardens and symbolism, I started to understand how these gardens were a story told through plants.

Any kind of gardening is a type of art, a medium through which the gardener can express their tastes, behaviours, political views, and even physical and mental ailments.

As gardeners, we have a significant advantage over those who paint or write - we have Mother Nature on our side to provide every shade and colour combination imaginable and no one can judge us for it, like they would a badly decorated living room.

So next time you pass an overgrown garden with grass up to your shoulders, don't be too quick to judge. Your garden is your own canvas and if you are ever in need of a little inspiration visit our Design Studio here at Frosts and see if we can help you paint your own picture.

summerfun

BECOME a super spy during the summer holidays with Imperial War Museum Duxford's Spy Camp, *pictured above.*

Based in Cambridgeshire, find out about the exciting espionage undertaken during the Second World War, learn how to falsify identification papers, decode a message and use morse code. Between noon and 4pm everyday until September 3.

The free Summer Fayre will rock Campbell Park this weekend.

Urban Spirit Day takes place on Friday with the main stage open between noon and 11pm on Saturday and Sunday. Jamie Stimpson, *pictured left*, joins Seven Caves and Our Man in the Bronze Age on Saturday, with Wah Wah Club heading the line-up on Sunday.

ARSENAL Football Club are bringing a virtual tour of their training ground and stadium to Xscape on Friday.

Between 9.30am-5.30pm, get a sneak preview behind the scenes at the Premier League club. Free.

THE first 20 adults to visit the summer craft and vintage fair at Oxley Park Community Centre on Saturday get a free goodie bag!

Hand and vintage crafts will be on display from 11am-4pm.

School'sout

WITH the kids off school for six weeks there is plenty going on in the city to keep them entertained.

Why not head over to Stony Stratford library and take part in this summer's quiz or take part in the reading challenge? Pick up your copy of the quiz until August 25 to be in with a chance of winning some book tokens.

The Entertainment Academy opens at The Venue, Walton High, Walnut Tree, on Monday for five days of acting, stand-up comedy, circus skills, singing and dancing.

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Ferret Racing has returned at Mead Open Farm in Leighton Buzzard.

There are also plenty of cute arrivals from kid goats to piglets and calves. Or join in the fun with Goatcam showing the antics of the farm's Pygmy goats live over the internet until September. Visit www.meadopenfarm.co.uk.

Join The Parks Trust rangers to find frogs and other pond life. Meet at Howe Park Wood on Tuesday from 10am-noon or 1-3pm, costs £3 a child. Suitable for four to ten-year-olds.

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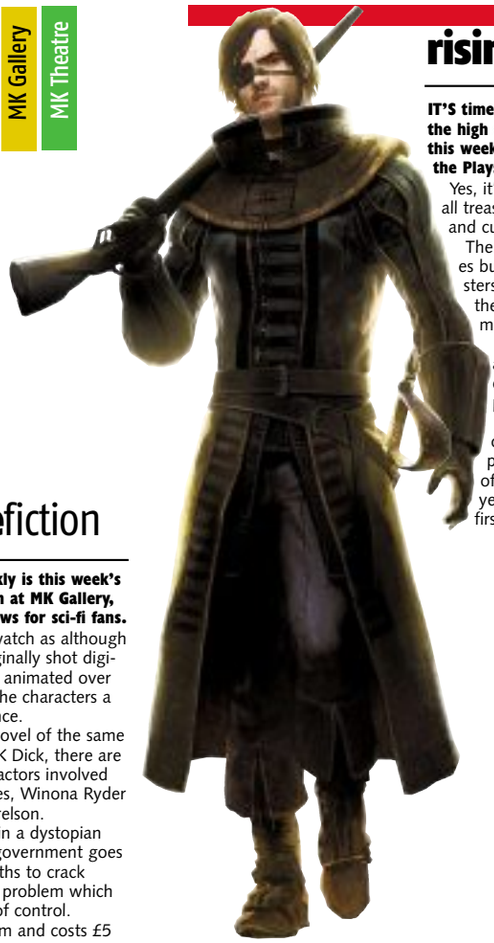

risingagain

IT'S time to swig rum and set sail on the high seas, thanks to the release this week of Risen 2: Dark Waters on the Playstation 3 and Xbox360.

Yes, it's a pirate game but it's not all treasure hunting, plank walking and cultass swinging.

There are parrots and eye patches but you can also expect monsters and voodoo magic as the themes of piracy and fantasy merge together.

The game is a single player action-fest with combat. quests and exploration all part of the experience.

Anyone who had the original game will be able to pick up from where they left off – the game is set several years after the events of the first.

sciencefiction

A SCANNER Darkly is this week's Friday Night Film at MK Gallery, which is good news for sci-fi fans.

It's a strange watch as although the film was originally shot digitally, it was then animated over the top to give the characters a unique appearance.

Based on the novel of the same name by Phillip K Dick, there are some big name actors involved like Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder and Woody Harrelson.

The film is set in a dystopian future where a government goes to dramatic lengths to crack down on a drug problem which is spiralling out of control.

Starts at 6.30pm and costs £5 (concessions £3).

Pre-book on 01908 676900.

Soblonde

OMIGOD, you guys, this is just sooooo...blonde! But you know what? It's so much fun too.

Okay, it's nonsense; Elle Woods - Faye Brookes - an LA fashion merchandising major is dumped by her pompous boyfriend because, as a Harvard law school student he thinks, 'It's time to get serious; it's time to break up.'

Undeterred Elle puts her social life on hold and - abracadabra! - gains herself a place at Harvard too.

But those studious types just don't appreciate a Louis Vuitton handbag when they see one.

So Elle reads a couple of books and immediately her rapier-sharp powers of legal deduction are recognised by a top lawyer. Joining the defence team representing a fitness guru charged with murdering her husband, Elle saves the day by using her fashion sense to crack the case.

Along the way she comes to the aid of an unlucky-in-love manicurist who she helps to find love in the form of a hunk of a delivery man.

Elle, too, gets her man, good guy Emmett Forrest - so it all ends happily ever after. Oh, come on! What did you expect?

This is musical theatre of the daftest, most fluffy sort and if you expect anything else you've only got yourself to blame.

The funniest number takes place in the courtroom denuement scene when the sexual proclivity of the real murderer is debated by the chorus in 'Is he Gay or European?'

There are some hugely entertaining performances and when the Awards for Best Dog in a Stage Musical is handed out, if Bruiser, the Legally Blonde Chihuahua, doesn't win for his performance, they should get the top US defence lawyer Elle Woods onto the case.

Judy Riley

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carpicnic

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lakelanterns

JOIN the Nipponzan Myohoji monks at the Peace Pagoda next to Willen Lake North to remember the victims of the Hiroshima nuclear attack in the Second World War.

There will be a short ceremony at 6.30pm on Monday, followed by the floating of the famous candle-lit lanterns on the lake.

artworkshop

A SERIES of fun, creative drop-in sessions for children aged four and over and their families begins on Friday at MK Gallery.

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Bradville

TAYLORS Executive Homes of Milton Keynes is delighted to offer for sale this rarely available and beautifully presented stone built, slate roofed cottage thought to date back more than 200 years.

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Additionally there is a summer house and his and hers children's sheds, together with an extra lawn area in front of the property.

The accommodation of the house briefly comprises lounge with original fireplace and open-plan staircase leading to the first floor, a refitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility area, study, refitted family bathroom, master bedroom with French-style doors leading onto the garden and two further double bedrooms.

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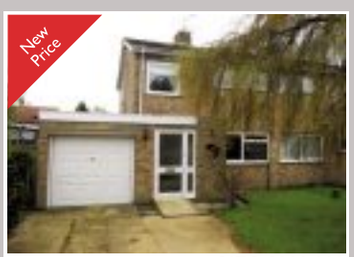

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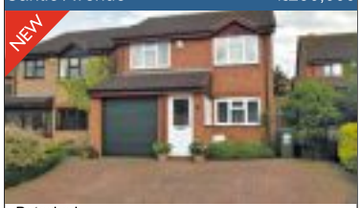

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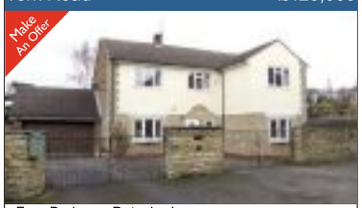

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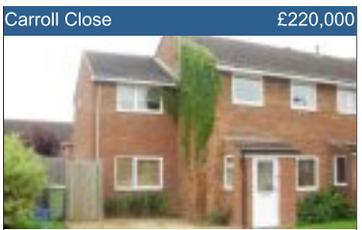

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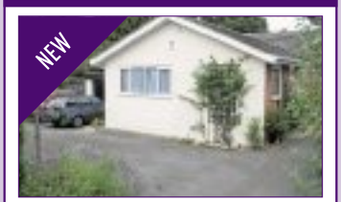

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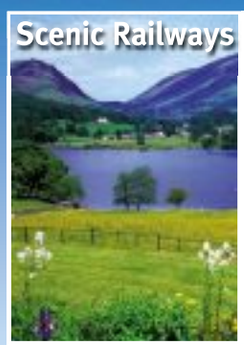

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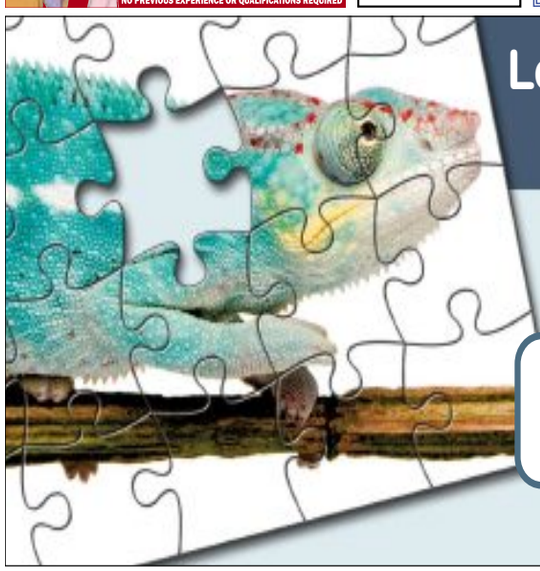

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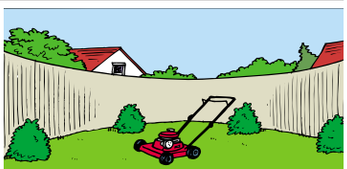

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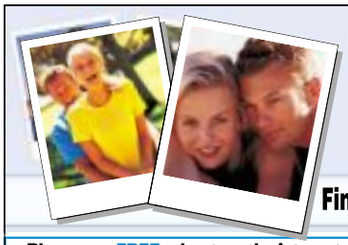

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A) AND (7) THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 13 TO JUNCTION 15) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M1 Motorway in the Counties of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire to provide a safe working environment for the workforce whilst road marking and stud replacement works are carried out. The works are expected to take place over 15 nights (10pm–5.30am) starting on, or after, Monday 13 August 2012.

The effect of the Order will be to –

1. impose a 50 miles per hour speed limit, in conjunction with lane closures allowing traffic to run on the hard shoulder of the M1 –
- northbound carriageway from Plantation Road underbridge to the Hartwell - Salcey Forest overbridge, and
- southbound carriageway from Tathall End - Gayhurst Road overbridge to Broughton/Salford Road overbridge; and

2. close the M1 –
- northbound exit slip road at J14, diverting traffic to M1 J15 to return southbound and exit at J14,
- northbound entry slip road at J14, diverting traffic via the A509, A5 and A508 to join the M1 at J15,
- southbound exit slip road at J14, diverting traffic southbound to M1 J13 to return northbound and exit at J14, and
- northbound exit slip road leading to and northbound entry slip road leading from, Newport Pagnell Motorway Service Area.

The temporary mandatory speed limit (which will not apply to emergency service or special forces vehicles) and closures (which will not apply to works, emergency service or traffic officer vehicles) will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order will come into force on 6 August 2012 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton

An official of the Highways Agency

General enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to David Elwyn at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW or by telephoning him on 01234 796520.

Milton Keynes Council
Milton Keynes Council's approach to Community Asset Transfer – Next Assets for Transfer

The Council's Community Asset Transfer Programme is about giving the community more control over the facilities that they use – such as leisure and community centres, libraries and open space.

Public meetings for the next tranche of five assets have been arranged at various venues as laid out in the table below. This is subject to the adoption of the Council's approach to Community Asset Transfer on 31 July 2012.

Asset Opening for Application	DATE	TIME	MEETING VENUE
Loriner Place Depot, Great Linford	4 Sept 2012	18:00 - 19:00	**Great Linford Public Pavilion, High Street**
Duncombe Street Community Centre, Bletchley	5 Sept 2012	18:00 - 19:00	**Duncombe Street Community Centre**
Rickley Park, West Bletchley	11 Sept 2012	18:00 - 19:00	**Warwick Road Activity Centre**
Fishermead Sports Ground	12 Sept 2012	18:00 - 19:00	**Eaglestone Centre**
Crosslands Depot, Stantonbury	18 Sept 2012	18:00 - 19:00	**Bancroft Meeting Place**

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please contact Paul Sanders or Neil Hanley on the details below.

Paul Sanders Asst. Director, Community Facilities Tel: 01908 253639 paul.sanders@milton-keynes.gov.uk	Neil Hanley C.A.T. Programme Manager Tel: 01908 253632 neil.hanley@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/01445/FUL Change of use from shop (use class A1) to mixed use (use class A1/A3) coffee shop at 33 Market Place, Olney.

12/01450/TCA Notification of intention to re-profile/reduce crown by 20%, reduce lateral limbs overhanging roof to suitable growth points, remove deadwood and epicormic growth to x 1 Yew T1 at Courtney Cottage, Bridge Street, Olney.

12/01478/CLUE Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use as a residential dwelling at George Farm View, George Farm Close, Little Brickhill.

12/01530/FUL Single storey extension to join existing dwelling with barn and conversion of barn to habitable living space at The Hovel, Cross Lane, Weston Underwood.

12/01531/FUL Retention and re-gravelling of hardcore track across paddock to form residential driveway The Hovel, Cross Lane, Weston Underwood.

12/01533/FUL Two storey side extension (resubmission of 12/00771/FUL) 47 Northampton Road, Lavendon.

SECTION 67 & 73 LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/01362/FUL Installation of a 16 photovoltaic panels at Hospice of Our Lady And St John, Milton Road, Willen.

12/01363/LBC Listed building consent for installation of a 16 photovoltaic panels at Hospice of Our Lady And St John, Milton Road, Willen.

12/01438/LBC Listed building consent for replacement signage at The White Hart, High Street, Stoke Goldington.

12/01441/ADV Advertisement consent for 1 fascia sign and 1 hanging sign at The White Hart Public House, 66 High Street, Stoke Goldington.

12/01451/LBC Listed building consent for refurbishment and internal alterations at Great Linford Manor, High Street, Great Linford.

12/01471/FUL Refurbishment of the ground floor including relocation of the office, reception and bar servery and associated structural works. Redecoration throughout. Alteration to boundary hedge at rear to allow for new path and timber pergola/rose arbour at The Cock Hotel, 72-74 High Street, Stony Stratford.

12/01472/LBC Listed building consent for refurbishment of the ground floor including relocation of the office, reception and bar servery and associated structural works. Redecoration throughout. Alteration to boundary hedge at rear to allow for new path and timber pergola/rose arbour at The Cock Hotel, 72-74 High Street, Stony Stratford.

12/01516/FUL Replacement roof and thatch covering; demolition of single storey rear extensions and replacement with part single/part two storey extension; internal alterations and replacement garage 10 High Street, Stoke Goldington.

12/01517/LBC Listed building consent for replacement roof and thatch covering; demolition of single storey rear extensions and replacement with part single/part two storey extension; replacement garage. Internal alterations to include - increase opening at first floor to create doorway; insertion of partition wall to separate access to bedrooms 3 and 4; creation of en-suite at second floor; repair of plaster and ceilings; installation of central heating system and replacement door at 10 High Street, Stoke Goldington.

SECTION 67 LISTED BUILDING

12/01331/LBC Listed building consent for removal of old porch and replacement with new glass porch at The Moat House, Abbey Road, Bradwell.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR**

12/01502/OUT Outline planning permission for the erection of 102 dwellings with associated parking off Cranfield Road, open space and creation of two new accesses (re-submission of 11/00936/OUT) at Land Bordering Deethe Farm, Cranfield Road, Wavendon.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR**

12/01520/REM Reserved matters application for installation of artificial grass pitch and tennis courts, incorporating flood lighting, fencing and associated landscaping at The Radcliffe School, Aylesbury Street West, Wolverton.

Nick Fenwick
Assistant Director Of Planning, Economy And Development

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR**

11/02316/MKPC Proposed two and three storey mixed-use development including 8 no. townhouses and 10 no. apartments over 1339 sq.m non-residential ground and first floor space to include A1 (Retail), B1 (Office) and D1 (Non-Residential Institution) uses) at Broughton Gate Community Reserve Sites (CM5-CM8), off the junction of Warwick Avenue and Countess Way, Broughton Gate, Milton Keynes (submission of amended plans and amended description).

Sheila Keene
Head Of Strategic Policy And Planning, Homes And Communities Agency

**THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 123**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to dispose of a parcel of land comprising of 3.22 square metres or thereabouts which consists of or forms part of open space land situated adjacent and to the right side of 35 Nottingham Grove, Bletchley.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to The Estates Manager, The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Saxon Court, 502-550 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS, by no later than 8th August 2012.

A plan of the land affected by the intended disposal is available for inspection at the office of the Council's Estates Manager at the above address.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 1st August 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

**THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(WOLVERTON ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2011**

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the works connected with the redevelopment of Wolverton Railway Station have not been completed within the timescale originally envisaged and therefore the restrictions brought into effect under the provisions of the above Order made by the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes on the 16th November 2011, under Sections 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 will be extended beyond the dates previously notified.

TAKE NOTICE that it is now intended to continue to temporarily impose the following restrictions :-

To temporarily impose a one way traffic flow system by prohibiting all vehicles from proceeding along Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton other than in a northerly direction.

Whilst the one way traffic system is in effect the alternative route for southbound traffic will be to proceed via the V6 Grafton Street in a south easterly direction to Stonebridge Roundabout, then turn right onto the Newport Road to the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station.

To temporarily impose a 30mph speed limit restriction along that part of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton.

To temporarily introduce 25 unrestricted free parking bays along that part of the eastern kerbline of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton.

The provision of these temporary parking bays is to accommodate commuter parking whilst the Wolverton railway station car park is redeveloped.

BUSES

For the duration of the Order whilst the restrictions are in force, the bus stop located on the east side of Wolverton Road will be temporarily suspended from use and relocated to the existing bus stop west of the railway bridge on Stratford Road, Wolverton

The extended temporary restrictions will now continue in force until 31st January 2013.

All other provisions of the Order remain as previously notified on 16th November 2011.

Any person committing a breach of any movement restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person committing a breach of any waiting restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon issue of such penalty charge as prescribed by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 1st August 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

**THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTPATH NUMBER 73, WOLVERTON (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along that length of Footpath Number 73, Wolverton that runs from a point approximately 60 metres from the underpass at Great Monks Street for a distance of 100 metres in a north-easterly direction.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary whilst works are carried out, namely construction works in connection with the Stratford Park Development. It is anticipated the temporary closure will commence from Monday 13th August 2012 until 12th February 2013, inclusive.

The alternative route for access will be via a temporary footpath that has been constructed and runs along parallel to the existing Footpath 73, Wolverton.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 13th August 2012 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works are completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director –
Law & Governance, Civic Offices,
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CRICKET

Northamptonshire Cricket League Premier

STONY Stratford had to settle for a draw after falling one wicket short of beating fellow mid-table side Brixworth.

Mihir Choksi's 79 helped Stony to 280/8 at Ostlers Lane and despite Richard Scott's 6/48, Brixworth clung on to finish on 227/9 with a last wicket stand of 37.

Cherwell League Division One

THERE was a losing draw for Bletchley Town against near rivals Great Brickhill, who posted 250/8 at Manor Fields.

In reply Julian Blackwell took 5/44 as Bletchley crept along to finish on 149/8, but they are now bottom of the pile.

Four Counties League Division One

TABLE toppers MK City (177/3) claimed another win thanks to a six wicket success over New Bradwell (176/8).

There were also wins for New City MK (191 all out) who saw off Elstow (158 all out) by 33 runs and Milton Keynes CC (50/0) who raced to a ten wicket victory over Eggington (47 all out).

Olney Town (187/8) claimed a winning draw against Eaton Bray (174/7) but Newport Pagnell (74/8) lost the draw against North Crawley (171/7).

ICE HOCKEY

LIGHTNING have pulled off a major coup by signing the Elite League's all-time top points scorer Adam Calder.

The Canadian forward has left English Premier League rivals Slough Jets to join on in the city, giving Nick Poole's side a massive boost in firepower in the process.

He said: "I am pretty excited about joining the Lightning as I've heard nothing but good things about the guys that are returning, coach Poole, the organisation and the MK fans.

"I'm looking forward to winning trophies this year and to getting the season going in September with the group that Nick has put together. The new season can't come soon enough."

Poole added: "We are absolutely thrilled to have signed a player of the pedigree of Adam Calder. We had tried to sign him several times before, as he's a player that we have much admired.

"Adam will give us that little bit extra that we lacked last year and help us turn some of the tight games that we ended up losing into wins. I know he will fit very well into our team and all the guys are very excited to have him on board."

Calder takes over the import slot left vacant at MKL by the departure of Tuomas Tikkanen.

ATHLETICS

NEW MK Athletic Club records were set by Alfie Yabsley (M13 3000m), Kayleigh Presswell (F20 Hammer) and Jeanette Lawrence (F55 Hammer) at the Watford Open Meeting.

However, the club's Women's Team have been demoted to Division Three after finishing last in the final match of the UK Women's League.

CYCLING

Stannard and GB miss title

Big effort: Ian Stannard in London on Saturday

A HEROIC effort from Ian Stannard could not help Mark Cavendish to Olympic gold in Saturday's cycling road race at London 2012.

The city rider was part of the GB team hoping to push the Manxman towards glory, but Alexandre Vinokourov of Kazakhstan triumphed instead.

Stannard pedalled heroically and put in a massive amount of effort for his team mate but GB couldn't set up their desired finish of a sprint on The Mall, which lightning quick Cavendish would have had an excellent chance of winning.

Most other nations wished to avoid this scenario and they knew what Britain were planning, so the home team, who also boasted Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins, Chris Froome and David Millar were up against it when trying to utilise their tactics.

Stannard and Britain tried to keep breakaways in check from the front of the peloton, but a late escape on the final circuit of Box Hill proved decisive, and the British riders didn't go with the pack.

Despite some late effort the gap this group formed became too large but the work Stannard put in as a member of the support team shouldn't be played down.

Other contributing factors for the result were that Cavendish had seven support riders when he won his world title last year, compared to just four this time around, and the absence of team radio.

Cavendish finished 29th, with national champion Stannard back in 93rd.

SWIMMING

National champs for swimmers

CITY of Milton Keynes Swim Club took their largest ever team to the National Youth and Age Group Championships in Sheffield, with 19 athletes taking part.

The result was seven new county records, four finalists and two medals.

Thirteen-year-old Oliver Lines was competing in his first nationals and had a solid start, making the 100m backstroke final on day one.

However, it was day two that saw him really step up and take a silver medal in the 200m butterfly.

Oliver then gained another club record in the 100m fly final, after also appearing in the 100m freestyle final,

He turned first but was just caught at the end as he finished third to claim bronze.

Elsewhere, Lucy Chenery made the MD 200m freestyle final, Isobel Jones also made the final in the same event in her age group and Charlotte Evans was 4th in the 200m backstroke.

FORMULA ONE

Three stop strategy doesn't pay off for RBR

MARK Webber admitted that a three-stop strategy used at the Hungarian Grand Prix was probably the wrong tactic as Fernando Alonso increased his lead at the top of the drivers' standings.

The Australian could only finish eighth for Red Bull Racing and Alonso, who came home fifth, stretched his advantage over him to 40 points.

Webber did finish higher than his starting place of 11th, achieved because of lack of pace in qualifying, but at one stage he had moved up to fifth.

The decision to come in for a third stop proved to be the wrong gamble as rivals didn't struggle on their worn tyres like the Tilbrook outfit hoped.

"We were hoping people would be in a bit more trouble with their tyres at the end," Webber said.

"I was in fifth place and had a nice cushion, but we've had plenty of times this year where the tyres had stopped working towards the end of the race.

"Today it didn't really work out that way and we lost places through trying something different.

"I was quicker in the closing stages, but it's hard to overtake here and I couldn't get the job done.

"Still, we moved up three places from the start, we have good points and it's very open for the rest of the year."

Lewis Hamilton won the race for McLaren with a pole to flag victory and Webber's Red Bull team mate Sebastian Vettel finished fourth after a third placed start on the grid.

The German said: "I think our overall speed was better than the actual result we got today.

"I was stuck behind Jenson Button in the first stint, he was slower and we lost some time there, but of course you can't just pit and come out in clean air, so there's not much we could have done.

"The tyres were not too bad at the end, but we thought that we should try something, the tyres on the cars in front could have fallen off, but it didn't happen.

"The race pace was very good, so now it's up to us to do better in qualifying and at the start, then it's a different race."

Formula One now enters its summer break, with the next race in Belgium not until September 2.

Red Bull enjoy a 53 points lead in the constructors standings, with second placed Webber leading Vettel in third by just two points in a wide open race.

HANDBALL

Baptism of fire for White

BOBBY White's Great Britain have begun their London 2012 adventure with two defeats in their handball group.

The city player is captaining the side from goalkeeper and was kept busy in their opening match – which couldn't have been tougher as it came against defending Olympic champions France.

Britain, who were only formed in the last six years to take up the host nation's berth, actually played some of the best handball of their careers in the opening stages.

Steven Larsson put them ahead at the Copper Box but GB could not maintain their form as technical errors began to creep into ther play.

The French pulled away, eventually winning the game 44-15, and White's goal was then bombarded again yesterday as Sweden won 41-19.

Britain are likely to have more joy in their group against the non-European countries, Argentina and Tunisia.

White has insisted that his side are not simply whipping boys, despite their humble beginnings, and he said the aim was to make it out of the group. Britain face Argentina tomorrow.

BADMINTON

Early exit: Chris Adcock and Imogen Bankier in action in London

Badminton hopes falter

THE city's Olympic badminton hopes have all been knocked out of the competition at the first stage.

Rajiv Ouseph and the mixed doubles pairing of Chris Adcock and Imogen Bankier both failed to get out of their qualifying groups.

Ouseph was knocked out of the men's singles following an agonising 21-12, 17-21 19-21 defeat to Guatemala's Kevin Cordon.

The England number one started his London 2012 campaign by beating Sweden's Henri Hurskainen 22-20, 17-21, 21-15 in the three-man pool.

However, only one player can advance to the knockout stages and that man will be Cordon after he also beat the Swede.

Adcock and Bankier, the world championships runners-up, lost in three games to Russian pair Alexandr Nikolaenko and Valeria Sorokina and German duo Michael Fuchs and Birgit Michels, after winning the opening game on both occasions.

TABLE TENNIS

Portugal test for Britain

CITY Olympian Andrew Baggaley will compete for Great Britain against Portugal when the team table tennis tournament gets under way on Friday.

The hosts, ranked 13th in the 16 team tournament, will faced the eighth seeds who boast three players within the world's top 40.

It will be a tough ask as the British team, which also includes Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford, do not have any players in the top 100.

However, the draw did see Britain avoid many of the sport's big hitters and they cannot meet strong favourites China until the final.

If they do get past Portugal the reward will be a clash against the winner of an intriguing first round game between South and North Korea.

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It could be my day says golden hope Rutherford

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GREG Rutherford is preparing for the biggest two days of his life and is standing on the edge of glory.

The city long jumper is a major contender to deliver an Olympic gold medal for both Great Britain and Milton Keynes when his London 2012 competition gets under way on Friday.

He already boasts the equal best distance in the world this year, thanks to an 8.35m leap which would have been good enough to win the Olympic title four years ago in Beijing.

This distance has been levelled by Russia's Sergey Morgunov but not bettered, so Rutherford knows that he will be one of the names everyone is watching in the capital.

American world champion Dwight Phillips has pulled out due to injury, leaving the field wide open as a result and giving the 25-year-old MK Athletic Club member, *pictured*, the chance to catapult himself to super-stardom.

He said: "I was a finalist at Beijing and I have got to go one better than that in London.

"My aim for the whole season has been to go out there and try to win the Olympics. It is like any competition I go into, I aim to win.

"I will be going in with a world lead score which pins a target to my chest and everyone will be wanting to beat me so I will just have to go through the same process that I have been doing all year."

Qualification for the long jump takes place on Friday before Saturday's final where the medals will be decided.

Rutherford's 8.35m saw him equal rival Chris Tomlinson's British record but the Bletchley athlete believes that he has more left in the tank.

The national marker may have to go again if he is to taste Olympic glory but he insists that it is medals and not records which keep him motivated.

"It is more about the medals for me," he said. "I am not too worried about breaking records. To win a gold medal you are going to have to jump pretty far, but I think that is possible.

"Who knows what people will do, but you know that they are going to raise their game at the Olympics. We will probably see one or two people jump quite far and I aim to be one of them.

"We will see what happens on the day but it will be a really interesting competition. It is hugely the most open competition of the Olympics.

"There are a cluster of people jumping around the 8.30m mark and there's a few below that as well so it really could be anyone's day."

Rutherford was tenth in Beijing and feels that his experience in China will hold him in good stead.

"It is a massive bonus for me having been to an Olympics and other major international tournaments," he said. "This time I am a bit older, a bit wiser and I think that will only benefit me.

"I have matured through more competitions over the last four years. You understand the process of the event and everything else about it."

Rutherford pulled out of the London Diamond League meeting but there are no fitness concerns.

He said: "I have pulled out of the last two events purely just to rest my body up. The Olympics are too important to me to risk going around jumping too much and potentially getting hurt."

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Spanish forward won't be signing

SPANISH forward Juanfri won't be signing permanently for Dons despite touring Ireland with the club, MK SPORT understands.

The 22-year-old scored in the 6-0 victory against Whitehall Rangers but a club in his homeland is now thought to be a more likely destination.

However, an English side in a higher division are also understood to be monitoring the situation.

Juanfri was absent when Dons drew 0-0 at non-league Kettering in a friendly on Saturday.

The language barrier and difficulties moving over from Spain were always going to be problems when it came to signing up the former Malaga player.

It means that a permanent deal for former Derby County striker Deon Burton is extremely likely after the veteran did remain after the Ireland tour to play against Kettering.

He was the only one of three on-trial strikers Dons have looked at this summer to feature against the Poppies.

Former Celtic man Derek Riordan was also briefly in Ireland but he struggled with his fitness and was sent back.

Meanwhile, Dons boss Karl Robinson may have a deal for a new centre back already lined up after youngster Tom Flanagan agreed to join League Two club Gillingham on a six-month loan.

The move leaves Dons short in that position, especially as Shaun Williams, who regularly appeared at the back last season, will now be moved into the midfield.

Robinson's pre-season preparations suffered a blow against Kettering due to the state of the Nene Park pitch, which was heavy, bobbly and covered with uncut grass.

The manager planned to call off the game as he feared injuries, but was persuaded to reconsider when he saw how many fans had travelled to the former home of Rushden and Diamonds.

In the end he said that his players operated at '60 per cent' during the stalemate.

It should be a different story on Friday evening when Dons welcome Premier League side Norwich City to stadiummk for another warm-up.

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